

## STRIKERS PLAYED OUT

Are Disappointed Over Results of Peace Conference.

WAS NINE HOURS LONG

Two Rough Rocks of Dissension Is Trouble.

SHAFFER IS STILL SILENT

While the Exact Statement of Affairs Is Unobtainable.

Pittsburg, July 30.—Disappointment and apprehension pervade the air of Pittsburg tonight because of the failure of the executive board of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tinworkers to ratify the peace proposals arranged at the conference in New York last Saturday between the national officers of the Amalgamated association and Messrs. Morgan, Schwab and Gury, representing the United States corporation. When the conference opened today it was confidently expected that an agreement would be reached in a short time, but after a session lasting from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m., the meeting adjourned without arriving at any conclusion, so far as known to most again tomorrow morning.

The projected session indicates that the board is not satisfied with the provisions of the compromise measure and unless some modifications are made its ratification is doubtful. The opening of union mills to non-union workers is the point on which it is believed the board hesitates and the long distance telephone between New York and Pittsburg was worked frequently today to get a modification of this clause.

The workers hold that this would give the mill owners full opportunity of crushing the union, without a strike by finding excuses to discharge union men and then fill their places with non-unionists. Another lack of discussion is said to be the retention in their present jobs of the men who worked as "strike breakers" at the various mills during the strike. It is said that the mill owners have promised the protection of the manufacturers in case of a settlement and that the mill owners will not concede to their dismissal at the request of the organization. The workers, it is said, are willing to declare the mills now working non-union on this point, but they are not willing to allow all the mills of the combination to be closed as an open mill.

All is conjecture, however, as it is impossible to get any definite statement as to the day's conference from any of the persons interested. When the board dispersed at 6 p. m. every member was said to be in a state of confusion. The board was said to be in a state of confusion. The board was said to be in a state of confusion.

"It is doubtful if the members of the general executive board of the Amalgamated association were even more communicative and reserved than during and after the meeting which was held today. The full board was present, with the exception of national trustee John Pierce, who was away on official business. The members gathered at the general office of the Amalgamated association early in the morning and at 2 p. m. were called to order by President Shaffer. These present in addition to the officials of the board were Joseph Bishop, former president of the Ohio board of arbitration, and M. M. Gurnea, also an arbitrator of the organization. When the meeting was opened all of the conference requested to leave the room. The discussion started after President Shaffer had gone over the details of the conference he had had with Mr. Morgan and President Schwab in New York.

Secretary Williams read his report of the conference and also the propositions that had been made by the officials of the United States Steel corporation. The discussion that followed continued until after noon and then the meeting adjourned until 12 o'clock.

During the afternoon representatives of the Amalgamated association telephoned with New York over the long distance telephone.

At the afternoon meeting of the board all were present who had taken part during the earlier session with the exception of Mr. Gurnea. Soon after the session began C. W. Bishop, member of the Amalgamated association and one of the former conference of the manufacturers called at the offices.

President Shaffer was called from the room and held a five minute conversation with him in the hall and then returned to the meeting. Bishop then called on the two men who apparently of a friendly character and indicated that there was at least no strained feeling there.

At the close of the day's session the members of the board slipped away one by one to their respective homes, until no one was left at headquarters but President Shaffer and Secretary Williams.

There at first refused to give any information, but finally Mr. Shaffer volunteered the statement that an adjournment had been taken.

Further than this he would say nothing and admitting that the adjournment of adjournment was more than that he should have said.

Secretary Williams said matters were in such a condition that nothing could be made public.

REPORT IS DISCOURAGING

Weather Bureau's Weekly Crop Report Is Too Bad to Believe.

Washington, July 30.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of the crop conditions is so discouraging.

Intense heat prevailed during the greater part of the week throughout the central valley, but the temperatures during the last three days were more moderate. Good rains have fallen over a large part of the drought area in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys, but the drought conditions have become more serious in the Ohio valley and Tennessee where the week has been rainless except in a few localities. In the Atlantic coast districts the weather conditions have been generally favorable except over portions of the Carolina and Virginia, where rain is now needed. The

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